

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-18, 21, 24-36, 39-51 and 54-65 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6-18, 21, 26-31, 33-36, 41-51 and 56-65 have been rejected.

Claims 4, 5, 24, 25, 32, 39, 40, 54 and 55 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 5, 16, 21, 25, 36, 40, 51, and 55 have been amended.

Claims 4, 18, 24, 39, and 54 have been canceled.

Notice of Allowability

Applicants wish to thank that Examiner for the indicated allowability of dependent claims 4, 5, 24, 25, 32, 39, 40, 54, and 55, if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 21, 36, and 51 to incorporate the features of claims 4, 24, 39, and 54, respectively, thus rendering the independent claims allowable. Claims 4, 24, 39, and 54 have been canceled.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. *See* Office Action, p. 2. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Regarding independent claim 16, the Office Action states that the claim “fails to particularly point out what the applicant regards as the invention because it is unclear as to what the ‘process of establishing said bi-directional connectivity with said system’ entails and what is required to actually perform this step or process.” However, Applicants have amended claim 16 to remove recitation of a “process of establishing said bi-directional connectivity with said system.” Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection against claim 16.

Applicants further respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection against claim 17 since claim 17 was apparently rejected due to its dependence upon claim 16. Claim 18 has been canceled.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 6-15, 21, 26-31, 33-36, 41-51

Claims 1, 6-15, 21, 26-31, 33-36, 41-51, and 56-65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogier et al. (USPN 7,031,288 B2) hereinafter referred to as (“Ogier”) in view of Perlman et al. (USPN 5,805,818) hereinafter referred to as (“Perlman”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 21, 36, and 51 to incorporate the features of allowable claims 4, 24, 39, and 54, respectively. Thus Applicants believe that these claims and their respective dependent claims are allowable. Therefore Applicants respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 16-19

Claims 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogier in view of Perlman and further in view of Saleh et al. (6,856,627) hereinafter referred to as (“Saleh”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

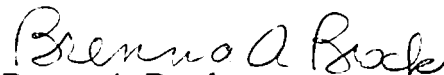
Applicant have amended independent claim 16 to incorporate the allowable features of claim 4. Thus Applicants believe that claim 16 is now allowable. Since claim 17 is dependent upon claim 16, Applicants believe that it is, likewise, allowable. Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled. Therefore Applicants respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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